

**SALEM RECREATION COMMISSION
SALEM, CONNECTICUT
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 16, 2013**

Present

Pam Henry Al Giansanti
Dave Kennedy Bob Appleby
Doug Morrow
Sue Spang/Chairperson

Diane Weston/Recording Secretary

Absent

Jim Burke Timothy Allen
Vanessa Bunnell

Guests

Donald Bourdeau

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Sue Spang called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

1. MINUTES:

M/S/C (Henry/Giansanti) to approve the November 18, 2013 minutes as presented.

Vote: Approved (Henry, Kennedy, Giansanti, Appleby, Spang) Abstaining: Morrow.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Payment has been made for some tree lighting expenses: decorations, singer and lights for the Christmas tree. Discussion took place on the expense of the hot chocolate and munchkins.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT/GUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

a. Don Bourdeau Report

None

4. ADDITIONS & REVISIONS

None

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. New Member

S. Spang welcomed new member Doug Morrow.

b. Approve 2014 Meeting Dates

M/S/C (Appleby/Henry) to approve the 2014/2015 meeting dates as presented: Monday January 13, February 17, March 17, April 21, May 19, June 16, July 21, August 18, September 15, October 20, November 17, December 15 2014; Tuesday January 20, February 17 2015.

Vote: approved unanimous
(See attached.)

c. Scoreboard

D. Kennedy reported the Salem Youth League tabled the discussion on a new scoreboard until their next meeting. Documentation was presented to the League; D. Kennedy is waiting to hear from the Salem Lions if they were donating half of the expense of the scoreboard.

d. Tree Lighting

Attendance was good for the tree lighting; S. Spang discussed trying to make more time at the event with the singer. The 8th grade “elves” did a great job handing out donuts, cider and hot chocolate. The date will be Saturday December 1, 2014 for next year.

e. Round Hill Road Lighting

D. Kennedy presented a spreadsheet to the Commission members for review of the estimated expense of the lighting project at the Round Hill Road complex. A work order number is needed from CL&P so a written estimate can be given to the Commission for the power install. Test holes will need to be done so the excavation estimate can be firmed up. Discussion took place on submitting applications for grants through CL&P and “Baseball Tomorrow”. Approval will need to be done with Wetlands, P&Z and Building Department.

f. Recreation Clerk Report

The bus trip to NYC in December was successful. There will be a trip to Vermont in February and the Boston Flower Show in March. In January an after school art class and before school movie production class will be offered.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Volunteer Park** – B. Appleby stated he is waiting for the estimate of the well & septic install from Don Bourdeau.
- b. **Baseball**- D. Kennedy reported registration will be the last two Saturday’s in January and the first Wednesday in February. S.Spang reminded D. Kennedy to send a flyer to D. Weston; it will be put on the website for the Town. D. Morrow reported the clinics for winter skills have started. Replacement of the softball press box will be an Eagle Scout project. Discussion took place on where the placement of the AAU locker should be.
- c. **Soccer** – Joe Casiano will install a kick wall at the RHR soccer field for his Eagle Scout project.
- d. **Basketball**- No report.
- e. **Tennis** – The nets will be taken down for the winter.
- f. **Multi-purpose Path** – No report.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

The Prop Busters will hold a New Year’s Day fly at 10:00AM.

Discussion took place on gym use for the school breaks. The school policy is no gym use when school is not in session. There is weekend use over vacation; the Recreation Commission pays for the janitor on the weekends.

S. Spang reminded the Commission budget season will be starting. S. Spang discussed not changing the regular budget; the Recreation Commission is fine with the budget.

8. FUTURE ACTION ITEMS

- a. Language for Adult Gym Use.**
- b. MOU for leagues – S. Spang and P. Henry will work on the MOU for the leagues.**

9. ADJOURNMENT

M/S/C (Appleby/Giansanti) to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM. Vote: approved unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by
Diane Weston
Recording Secretary